

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board convened at 10:30 a.m. in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING:** Joseph L. Schibner, IV, L.M.T., L.Ac., D.O.M., Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph L. Schibner, IV, L.M.T., L.Ac., D.O.M., Chair  
Stephanie Quinby, L.M.T., Co-Chair  
Dawn Hogue, L.M.T.  
Kristina Page, L.M.T.  
Jermaine Mincey, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director  
Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director  
Latasha Austin, Administrative Specialist  
Robin L. Hills, R.N., D.N.P., W.H.N.P.

**IN THE AUDIENCE:** Becky Bowers-Lanier, American Massage Therapy Association-VA Chapter  
Jennifer Kupiec, President, American Massage Therapy Association-VA Chapter

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** With 5 members of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board present, a quorum was established.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Schibner called the business meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** An overview was done of the minutes from the last Massage Therapy Advisory Board meeting held on December 1, 2016. Ms. Hogue moved that the minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Quinby and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Bowers-Lanier introduced Ms. Kupiec and announced that she was the new president for the Virginia Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dr. Schibner announced and congratulated Mr. Mincey on his re-appointment to the Massage Advisory Board to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

Ms. Krohn reviewed and discussed the 2018 Informal Conference Schedule for the months of January -June & the Formal Hearing dates for 2018 to determine the Massage Therapy Advisory Board Members availability.

The Massage Therapy Advisory Board reviewed and discussed Guidance Documents 90-61 and Guidance Document 90-38. The Advisory Board discussed the following proposed changes to the Guidance Documents:

- **Guidance Document 90-61**  
**Proposed to remove:**
  - ❖ all language in the document related to Licensed Massage Therapist, LMTs or references to a license
- **Guidance Document 90-38**  
**Proposed to add:**
  - ❖ Massage Therapist

Ms. Hogue made a motion that the Massage Therapy Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Nursing to accept to propose recommended changes to remove Licensed Massage Therapist from Guidance Document 90-61 and to add Licensed Massage Therapist to Guidance Document 90-38. The motion was seconded by Ms. Quinby and carried unanimously.

#### REPORTS:

Ms. Douglas gave a report on the criminal background check (CBC) requirement for massage therapist applicants by initial licensure, endorsement and reinstatement that was effective as of January 1, 2017. The report covered statistics from January 1, 2017- October 1, 2017.

- A total of 802 LMT applicants initiated the CBC process for this reporting period
- A total of 352 LMT applicants had convictions (disclosed and non-disclosed)
- A total of 220 LMT applicants self-disclosed their criminal convictions on their applications
- A total of 132 LMT applicants non-disclosed their criminal convictions on their applications

Ms. Krohn reviewed with the Advisory Board the current number of disciplinary cases for all licensees regulated by the Board of Nursing.

Ms. Austin gave a report on the number of massage therapist licensed by the Board of Nursing. The report covered statistics from January 1, 2017-October 1, 2017.

- As of October 1, 2017 there were 8,449 massage therapist currently active in Virginia
- A total of 754 new massage therapist licenses were issued for this reporting period
- A total of 796 new applications (for initial licensure & by endorsement-paper & online) has been received
  - ❖ *of the 796, 763 were online applications*
- A total of 109 duplicate license request has been received for this reporting period
- A total of 20 duplicate wall certificate request

- A total of 214 verification request had been received and processed
- A total of 1 reinstatement application after discipline had been received
- A total of 42 reinstatement applications for licensure as a massage therapist
- A total of 2,574 renewals had been completed for this reporting period

Ms. Austin gave an oral report re-capping the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting that was held in Tampa, FL, September 28-30, 2017.

Ms. Hogue gave an oral report on the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Human Trafficking Task Force and the release of the Human Trafficking Task Force Report. The report is available on the FSMTB website at [www.fsmtb.org](http://www.fsmtb.org)

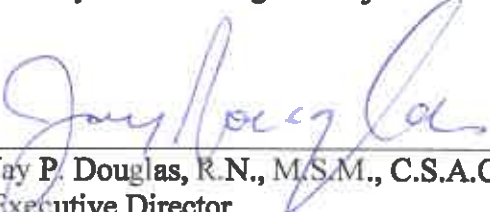
Ms. Douglas gave a report on the current regulatory action- period review related to regulations governing the licensure of massage therapist. At the time of this report the regulatory actions were at the secretary's office pending approval. Notification will be made and posted on the Board of Nursing website when the regulatory actions have passed.

**DISCUSSION OF  
FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Board staff will coordinate with the Massage Therapy Advisory Board members on availability and confirm exact date when possible.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schibner made a motion to conclude the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Page and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

  
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director